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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

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An explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts and on page 4 of the specification. Also, JPA 9-160899 is in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 5,842,023.

The Examiner's attention also is directed to the following U.S. applications:

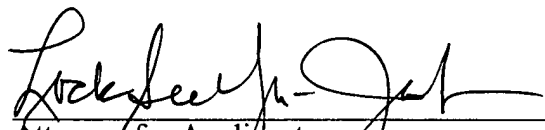
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A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information and the enclosed documents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

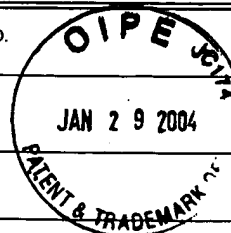
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	5,842,023	11/24/98	Tsumura	395	712		
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11-313191	11/09/99	Japan			Abstract		
9-160899	06/20/97	Japan			Abstract		

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